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Dear Chairman Powell,

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I have been bothered for a long time by the consolidation of the media. This has led to a lack of broad and diverse coverage of the news to the public. I also suspect that this has led to more control of what is put forth by the media in direct relationship to the bias of the particular corporate owners of that media outlet. With deregulation we have already concentrated the power of the media into the hands of a very few.

Now I understand that the FCC is planning to remove regulatory impediments that prevent further consolidation of the broadcast industry. And they are also looking to eliminate cross-ownership restrictions. I believe this is the wrong way to go. How is this move of any benefit to the interests of the citizens of the U.S? We should not give more power and influence to the media moguls than they already have. In fact we should work to decrease their power in favor of an independent media.

Please do what you can to see that further consolidation is not permitted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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